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**Latimer, Becky**

**From:** Latimer, Becky  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2020 9:14 AM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** FW: 2019-290-WS

Dear Steve Collins,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

- Docket No. 2019-290-WS - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates

A Protestant is an individual objecting on the ground of private or public interest to the approval of an Application, Petition, Motion or other matters which the Commission may have under consideration. A Protestant may offer sworn testimony but cannot cross-examine witnesses offered by other parties.

According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

You can follow this Docket and other daily filings made at the Commission by subscribing to the Commission's Email Subscriptions at this link: <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Email>; or you can follow the individual Docket at the link listed below:

Docket No. 2019-290-WS - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117247>

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,  
Becky Latimer

**Public Service Commission of South Carolina**

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**From:** DeSanty, Tricia  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2020 8:33 AM  
**To:** Duke, Daphne  
**Cc:** Latimer, Becky  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Blue Granite & Dominion Energy Rate Increase Requests.

Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Steve Collins  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2020 11:17 PM  
**To:** PSC\_Commissioner.Belser <Commissioner.Belser@psc.sc.gov>  
**Subject:** [External] Blue Granite & Dominion Energy Rate Increase Requests.

Commissioner Florence P. Belser,

I am writing to oppose any increases for either Blue Granite or Dominion Energy. South Carolina residents already pay 23.36% greater utility costs than the national average. It is an unfair burden on the our residents to raise prices yet again. As consumers we are told to budget and tighten our belts; yet the Commission and Legislators never seem to say the same thing to corporations who claim they wasted money and now need more.

While I am not a customer of Dominion, the nuclear fiasco is not the fault of the public; nor is it the fault of their consumers. Their customers should not be burdened with higher costs due to their waste and poor judgment. Blue Granite wants an almost 50% increase to residential customers again on top of the increase they were granted in 2018. This increase should be denied and we, their customers, should not have to shoulder the burden of poor money management. If such great improvements to their system have been made, as they claim; it sure hasn't been noticeable to their customers.

Both Blue Granite and Dominion represent a fatally flawed policy; imposing unnecessary, staggering costs on South Carolina residents. It's time for you and the rest of the Commission to be advocates for the residents of South Carolina and not for the corporations who gouge their rate payers and request rate increases at every turn. Enough is enough.

Thank you,  
 Steven Collins  
 West Columbia

Sent from my iPad